



THE CASTLE, drawn c1792 for Hasted's "History and Typographical Survey of the County of Kent"

DOVER CASTLE

WHEN MR. KEN SCOTT, the General Manager of Dover Castle, gave a talk to the Society in March, he gave us the good news that, in 1998, English Heritage, which has had the running of the castle since 1984, is to spend a large proportion of its allocation of funds in improving Dover Castle.

The money will be used to provide a new car park and to improve the Keep and the Wartime Tunnels. The Keep will have extensive repairs (already under way in 1997). It was suggested that some of the money will be spent in furnishing some of the halls of the keep in the styles of different periods of history of the castle and acquiring armour and other suitable accoutrements to help to set the scene and give visitors a taste of past centuries when the castle was occupied. On occasions actors would be engaged to add to the credibility of the settings. As in the summer of 1997, there will be special events and exhibitions on every weekend in 1998.

With a promise of improved links between town and castle, this is good news indeed for Dover. The castle is always our foremost attraction, dominating the skyline by day and providing a spectacular background, illuminated at night.

To remind us of the importance of the castle to Dover, Ivan Green kindly agreed to write a "Pocket Book Story" of the castle, especially for this edition of the *Newsletter*.

This is followed by Audrey Kirk's report of Ken Scott's talk and by a wartime anecdote, submitted by Terry Sutton.

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